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2 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
3 EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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5 DERRICK HAMILTON,

6 PLAINTIFF,

7 -against-

Case No.:
15-CV-04574

8 THE CITY OF NEW YORK, THE NEW YORK CITY
9 POLICE DEPARTMENT, DET. LOUIS SCARCELLA,
10 individually And in his capacity as a New
11 York City police officer, DET. FRANK
12 DELOUISA, individually and in his capacity
13 as a New York City police officer, INV.
14 JOSEPH PONZI, individually and in his
15 capacity as an Investigator for the Kings
16 County District Attorney's office,
17 JOHN/JANE DOE, NOS 1 through 10, being
18 unknown employees of the City of New York,
19 THE CITY OF NEW HAVEN, POLICE OFFICER BILLY
20 WHITE, individually and in his capacity as
21 a New Haven police officer, and JOHN/JANE
22 DOE NOS. 11 through 20, being unknown
23 employees of the City of New Haven,

24 DEFENDANTS.

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DATE: March 17, 2017

TIME: 10:32 A.M.

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DETECTIVE LOUIS SCARCELLA)

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2 efficient in questioning Detective
3 Scarcella. However, this is a proper
4 and appropriate subject of inquiry
5 and we will continue with it.

6 Q. What else did you tell John
7 O'Mara?

8 A. I asked him for the confession.
9 Taylor Koss said they lost the confession.

10 Q. When you say the confession,
11 are you talking about the statement that
12 you took from Mr. Ranta at Central Booking?

13 A. And made ten copies of, yes.

14 Q. Did they indicate how they lost
15 it?

16 A. No.

17 Q. What other questions did they
18 ask you?

19 MR. SIGNORELLI: If you
20 remember. Objection to form.

21 A. I don't remember.

22 Q. You conducted the lineups, am I
23 correct, in the Ranta case?

24 A. I don't remember.

25 MR. SIGNORELLI: Wait for the

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2 next question then.

3 Q. Let me first ask you: Do you
4 remember being at the lineups?

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Do you remember an individual
7 by the name of Rabbi Glanz?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Rabbi Glanz was the individual
10 who brought in the witnesses who were going
11 to witness the lineup; am I correct?

12 A. He did help us in the
13 investigation. I don't remember if he did
14 that, but it's quite possible.

15 MR. SIGNORELLI: Don't guess or
16 speculate.

17 Q. These lineups at the time were
18 audiotaped; am I correct?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. When you spoke with assistant
21 district attorney O'Mara, did he indicate
22 to you that one of the witnesses had said
23 that one of the detectives had told him
24 prior to the lineup to pick out the guy
25 with the big nose?

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2 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection to
3 the form.

4 MS. WILSON: Objection.

5 A. Yes.

6 Q. Was there an issue with this
7 back when this case actually occurred, were
8 you questioned either by Mr. Schreiber or
9 Ms. Mondo, who is now a judge, that there
10 was an audiotape and that there was talking
11 on the audiotape, do you recall that?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Do you remember ever being told
14 that the judge in this case, Judge Egitto,
15 indicated that he was disillusioned with
16 the work of the detectives and he said that
17 a young man of 14 or 15 years of age -- I
18 think it's specifically I think it is
19 number three -- the cop probably Scarcella
20 or Chmil says okay number three from there
21 on this kid goes along with number three.

22 A. I have no idea what you are
23 talking about. No idea.

24 MR. BRETTSCHEIDER: For the
25 record, I am reading from the trial

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2 transcript of People versus David
3 Ranta, page 2317, lines 19 through
4 24.

5 MR. SIGNORELLI: I would note
6 for the record that transcript is not
7 before the witness as he's
8 testifying.

9 Q. You never heard about this
10 though?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. I can give it to you to refresh
13 your memory. I don't know if it will. Do
14 you want to take a look at or this is this
15 the first time you are hearing it?

16 A. There is nothing to refresh. I
17 have no idea what you are talking about.

18 Q. Is it your testimony that
19 neither ADA Mondo or ADA Schreiber came to
20 you and said that the judge is concerned
21 that somebody told one of the witnesses
22 that it was number three?

23 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

24 MS. WILSON: Objection.

25 A. No.

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2 MR. SIGNORELLI: That might be
3 an imprecise -- I am not sure if the
4 question and answer are precise
5 enough. I am going to object. You
6 can leave it alone or follow up with
7 whatever you think is appropriate.

8 MR. EDELSTEIN: Detective
9 Scarcella says he doesn't recall
10 anything like this.

11 Q. Did you ever have a
12 conversation with ADA Schreiber or ADA
13 Mondo in which they indicated that the
14 judge said this to them, page 2320 of the
15 trial transcript starting at line eight,
16 "At this stage I am not going to do
17 anything but I tell you this Detective
18 Chmil when he asked me if I was going after
19 his job and I want those two gentlemen
20 should be spoken to you by your office. I
21 think what they have done in this case in
22 my opinion is decide that Mr. Ranta was the
23 person, the guilty party, and then they
24 went out of their way to make sure it tied
25 up neatly in a package."

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2 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection to
3 the extent it's a question. I am not
4 sure it is.

5 MS. WILSON: Objection.

6 Q. The question is this: Did
7 either ADA Schreiber or ADA Mondo tell you
8 that the judge was unhappy with the work
9 you and Detective Chmil had done in the
10 Ranta case?

11 MS. WILSON: Objection to form.

12 MR. SIGNORELLI: Same.

13 A. No.

14 Q. Do you recall whether Detective
15 Chmil told you that the judge said
16 something to him about going after his job?

17 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

18 The answer is do you recall.

19 A. Can you repeat that.

20 Q. Do you recall ever having a
21 conversation with Detective Chmil in which
22 he told you that Judge Egitto was trying to
23 go after his job?

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. What did he tell you?

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2 A. That he got a little nervous
3 and asked the judge that and the judge said
4 no.

5 Q. Did you ask him what
6 precipitated that?

7 A. I don't remember. I don't
8 remember.

9 Q. You indicated that you did take
10 a statement from Mr. Ranta at Central
11 Booking; am I correct?

12 A. Yes.

13 Q. This statement was taken from
14 Mr. Ranta after you had not questioned him
15 at the precinct; am I correct?

16 A. Yes.

17 Q. The precinct that we are
18 talking about is the 90 precinct; am I
19 correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. That is where the lineups
22 occurred?

23 A. Yes, sir.

24 Q. Did any of the district
25 attorneys in this case ever bring you in

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2 and have you listen to the audiotape of the
3 lineup?

4 A. John O'Mara played a small part
5 of a lineup recorded that I was present at
6 but I heard it but I didn't remember it.

7 Q. Did you hear your voice?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. Did you hear what you said?

10 A. I don't remember.

11 Q. Do you remember there were a
12 lot of lineups in this case; am I right?

13 A. There were.

14 Q. In fact, there were essentially
15 two days of lineups, one that started very
16 late about midnight and then another one
17 about 10:30 in the morning?

18 A. I don't remember that.

19 Q. By the way, during the
20 beginning of these lineups, do you remember
21 that the witnesses who came in could not
22 make identifications?

23 A. No.

24 Q. Do you recall --

25 MR. SIGNORELLI: The problem

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2 steno pads, recordings.

3 Q. Did that refresh your memory?

4 A. To a certain degree.

5 Q. When you say to a certain
6 degree, what degree?

7 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

8 Q. What is clear in your head
9 about the case?

10 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

11 A. That on that date I responded
12 to 215 Monroe Street as a member of the
13 Brooklyn North homicide squad. I spoke to
14 Jewel Smith in her apartment. She told me
15 that Derrick Bush Hamilton killed
16 Nathaniel. We went to the precinct. She
17 viewed a rip book picking out his picture
18 and stating again that he shot him several
19 times. I remember going to Connecticut to
20 where Mr. Hamilton was arrested, bringing
21 him back, going back to Connecticut to
22 attempt to interview someone else and I
23 remember going to Sally's and Joe Pepe's
24 pizza place on Wooster Street in New Haven,
25 Connecticut.

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2 bad. I don't know. I am not even going to
3 -- I don't know what this is. I am sorry.

4 Q. Do you see the body?

5 MR. SIGNORELLI: Pointing to

6 1A.

7 A. I do see that, yes. I do. If
8 you tell me that is the body I believe you.

9 MR. SIGNORELLI: That is not
10 the way it works.

11 Q. Does that refresh your memory
12 as to where the body was when you got
13 there?

14 A. No, sir.

15 Q. Where did you go after you got
16 there?

17 A. As I said, I went to Jewel
18 Smith's apartment. What I believe to be
19 her apartment.

20 Q. Who was there?

21 A. Her.

22 Q. Just her?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. What happened?

25 A. She told me who killed Nate.

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2 She said that Derrick Hamilton killed him.

3 Q. She used the name Derrick
4 Hamilton?

5 A. Yes. And Bush also. We left
6 -- my partner and I took her to the 71
7 precinct and sat her down in the squad
8 office and she viewed a rip book, which was
9 the robbery identification program book
10 from the robbery squad at the 79 precinct
11 and it was a big book and she went through
12 it and she positively identified him and
13 said he shot him numerous times.

14 Q. Let me take you back to this
15 conversation that you had with Jewel Smith.
16 You said you walked into an apartment. Do
17 you recall what floor the apartment was on?

18 A. No.

19 Q. You said she was by herself.
20 Do you remember prior to seeing Jewel Smith
21 if you saw Detective DeLouisa?

22 A. I don't believe I did.

23 Q. Do you remember speaking to any
24 police officers before?

25 A. I don't.

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2 Q. Do you remember --

3 MR. SIGNORELLI: It's not clear
4 whether he doesn't remember or he
5 didn't.

6 Make sure your answer is
7 specific as to the question so it's
8 clear.

9 Q. Do you remember if you spoke to
10 a police officer?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Meaning you don't remember?

13 A. I don't remember.

14 Q. Somehow you found her?

15 A. Yes.

16 Q. What was her emotional state
17 when you found her?

18 A. I don't remember.

19 Q. She indicated to you that the
20 person who shot Nathaniel Cash was Derrick
21 Hamilton?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. She used the name Derrick
24 Hamilton?

25 A. Yes.

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2 Q. She also referred to him as
3 Bush?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. Did you know the name?

6 A. I knew the name Bush. But I
7 could not connect that name Bush myself to
8 Derrick Hamilton at that time.

9 MR. SIGNORELLI: To the extent
10 you don't have extras copies of the
11 exhibit you will provide those to us
12 after the deposition?

13 MR. BRETTSCHEIDER: Sure.

14 Q. Do you recall being asked this
15 question at a Wade Hearing which took place
16 on July 1, 1992, page ten -- Do you recall
17 whether the only name she gave you at that
18 time was a nickname?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Do you recall the court asking
21 you this question page ten:

22 "QUESTION: Did she know him by
23 any other name other than Bush?

24 "ANSWER: I believe she did but
25 at that time it was just a nickname

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2 that she knew."

3 A. I don't remember that.

4 Q. What are DD5s?

5 A. Informational reports that
6 detectives have to maintain during the
7 course of an investigation.

8 Q. You filled out a DD5 in this
9 case; am I correct?

10 A. Yes.

11 Q. You indicated that the witness
12 knew the name Derrick Hamilton?

13 A. I don't know.

14 Q. Were you present during the
15 interview done of Jewel Smith by Detective
16 DeLouisa?

17 A. No.

18 Q. Did you see DeLouisa that day?

19 A. I believe at the precinct later
20 on.

21 Q. When you say the precinct later
22 on, did you see Detective DeLouisa at 215
23 Monroe Street?

24 A. No.

25 Q. You said that there was an

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2 Q. Were you present for it?

3 A. No.

4 Q. Do you remember when you saw
5 it?

6 A. During the course of the prep
7 for today. It was in the material that was
8 sent to me.

9 Q. You had a chance to review it
10 and read it?

11 A. Yeah.

12 Q. Had you ever seen it prior to
13 you receiving it for preparation for this
14 deposition?

15 A. I don't remember.

16 Q. Do you remember filling out any
17 reports with respect to what Jewel Smith
18 told you as to what occurred at 215 Monroe
19 Street with regard to the shooting?

20 A. No.

21 Q. You never filled out any
22 reports as to the details of what occurred:

23 MS. WILSON: Objection.

24 Q. Is that accurate?

25 A. In the apartment.

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2 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

3 Q. Let me rephrase the question
4 because maybe I am asking the question you
5 are not understanding what I am asking you.
6 You sat down with her in the apartment; am
7 I correct?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. This is shortly after the
10 shooting takes place, right?

11 A. I was sitting down. She was
12 standing up.

13 Q. Did you fill out any type of
14 police report with respect to what she told
15 you?

16 A. No.

17 Q. Why?

18 A. I didn't have to.

19 Q. When you say you didn't have
20 to, what are the purposes of filling out
21 DD5s?

22 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

23 A. I wasn't going to fill out a
24 DD5.

25 Q. Why?

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2 A. At that time if I would have
3 done anything I would have just jotted it
4 down but I didn't. I chose to take her
5 into the precinct to talk to her.

6 Q. You had a spiral notebook for
7 that day?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. When you use a spiral notebook,
10 do you use a spiral notebook for each
11 individual case, you start a notebook for
12 each individual case?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Is there anywhere in the spiral
15 notebook that you provide details as to
16 what Jewel Smith told you took place during
17 the shooting?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. What did you write down?

20 MR. SIGNORELLI: As a witness
21 if you can answer without looking at
22 the document you can answer without
23 looking at the document. If you
24 would like to look at the document in
25 question you have a right to ask for

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2 A. No.

3 Q. Did she ever tell you that she
4 had told Detective DeLouisa that she had
5 gone to a grocery store and that she did
6 not witness the shooting?

7 A. Never.

8 Q. What name did Jewel Smith give
9 you when you first met her?

10 MR. SIGNORELLI: Regarding
11 herself?

12 MR. BRETTSCHEIDER: Herself.

13 A. Jewel Smith.

14 Q. By the way, do you recall how
15 she was transported to the precinct?

16 A. I took her.

17 MR. SIGNORELLI: With or
18 without your partner?

19 THE WITNESS: With my partner.

20 Q. Do you recall being asked these
21 questions with regard -- you mentioned when
22 she was at the 79 precinct that she told
23 you the individual's name was -- at the
24 apartment and at the precinct the name was
25 Derrick Hamilton; am I correct?

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2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Do recall being asked these
4 questions and you giving these answers at
5 the Wade Hearing, page 11. This is a
6 different set of questions. See if this
7 refreshes your memory, line 12:

8 "QUESTION: Did witness X tell
9 you the defendant's name other than
10 Bush?

11 "THE COURT: Did she give you
12 any other name other than the
13 nickname Bush:

14 "ANSWER: She possibly did
15 mention the first name, the
16 defendant's first name prior to
17 viewing the book, book number one.

18 "QUESTION: Do you recollect
19 what that name was?

20 "ANSWER: I believe it was
21 Derrick.

22 "QUESTION: Do you have any
23 notes or memorandum or you just
24 recollect it?

25 "ANSWER: I have no notes.

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2 "QUESTION: So it's by memory
3 that you recollect it?

4 "ANSWER: Yes.

5 "QUESTION: And that is what he
6 believes, but in any event, do you
7 have an interdependent recollection
8 if this witness ever told you the
9 name Hamilton.

10 "ANSWER: I believe not."

11 Do you recall being asked those
12 questions and giving those answers?

13 A. No, I don't.

14 Q. Problem is this took place on
15 July 1, 1992 this hearing. At that point
16 in time you were under oath; am I correct?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. Your memory was fresher as to
19 the events in July 1992 than they are
20 today?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Is it possible that she did not
23 give you the name Hamilton, Derrick
24 Hamilton?

25 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection to

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2 the form.

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. Based on this testimony, does
5 that refresh your recollection that she
6 didn't give you the name Derrick Hamilton?

7 MS. WILSON: Objection.

8 A. No.

9 Q. I want to see if this refreshes
10 your memory as to what you saw. This is
11 from the trial. It's page 333.

12 MR. SIGMORELLI: I am putting
13 that page in front of the witness so
14 you can ask your question.

15 Q. There were some questions as to
16 what you observed and you said you didn't
17 remember observing the body. Does this
18 refresh your memory with respect to what
19 you saw, what you observed when you first
20 got to 215 Monroe Street?

21 A. I read this already.

22 Q. It doesn't?

23 A. No.

24 Q. It didn't refresh your memory
25 that your answer, on line nine, "When I got

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2 Ms. Smith's condition -- that is on line
3 three -- at that time?

4 "ANSWER: Yes. She was crying.
5 She was nervous. She was upset.

6 A. It doesn't refresh my memory.

7 Q. You indicated that you saw
8 Detective DeLouisa, which is at the 79
9 precinct; am I correct?

10 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection. I
11 think the testimony was a little
12 different than that.

13 Q. You explain to me when was the
14 first time you saw Detective DeLouisa that
15 day?

16 A. When we got back to the 79
17 precinct at a point in time.

18 Q. Do you remember being asked
19 this question and giving this answer on
20 page 334, line 11:

21 "QUESTION: Did there come a
22 time that you left?

23 "ANSWER: Yes.

24 "QUESTION: Where did you go?

25 "ANSWER: 79 precinct squad.

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2 "QUESTION: Who did you go
3 with.

4 "ANSWER: My partner Detective
5 Chmil and DeLouisa."

6 A. I don't remember that.

7 Q. You indicated earlier that you
8 don't recall if Ms. Smith had a
9 conversation with Detective DeLouisa?

10 A. I don't remember.

11 Q. Would this refresh your memory
12 again page 334, line 23:

13 "QUESTION: Did Ms. Smith also
14 have a conversation with Detective
15 DeLouisa.

16 "ANSWER: Yes."

17 A. What was the question?

18 Q. Does that refresh your memory?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Is there anywhere in these
21 trial minutes that you indicate that Jewel
22 Smith identified Derrick Hamilton by name?

23 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

24 Q. In the apartment?

25 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection. To

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2 the extent of what minutes you are
3 referring to.

4 MR. BRETTSCHEIDER: The trial
5 minutes.

6 MR. SIGNORELLI: I don't know
7 if he's reviewed it.

8 MR. BRETTSCHEIDER: I am going
9 to withdraw that question.

10 Q. Did there come a point in time
11 that in your spiral notebook you put down
12 the name Money Will Johnson?

13 A. I think so.

14 Q. Was he in the apartment with
15 Jewel Smith?

16 A. When?

17 Q. When you interviewed her?

18 A. I don't believe anybody was.

19 MR. SIGNORELLI: Are you only
20 referring to civilians or are you
21 including everyone?

22 THE WITNESS: I don't believe
23 Money Will was there.

24 Q. Did you have a conversation
25 alone with Jewel Smith? I think you said

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2 you did.

3 A. With my partner.

4 Q. Detective Chmil?

5 A. Yes, sir.

6 Q. Do you remember anyone other

7 than yourself, Detective Chmil and

8 Ms. Smith being there in the apartment?

9 A. No.

10 Q. Can I ask you the reference to

11 Money Will Johnson in your notebook, what

12 does that refer to?

13 A. It's in the spiral?

14 Q. Yes.

15 A. I have a page in my spiral it

16 states there are redactions there.

17 MS. WILSON: Can you read the

18 Bates number at the bottom.

19 A. 11276. It says Money Will

20 Johnson with 6-20 which is probably his

21 date of birth but the year is blocked out.

22 That is all that is there.

23 Q. Do you have any idea why it's

24 there?

25 A. No.

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2 A. Yes, sir.

3 Q. So you believe that Jewel Smith
4 was a credible witness, you believe that
5 Theresa Gomez was a credible witness and
6 did you believe that Allan Bloom was a
7 credible witness?

8 A. Yes.

9 MR. SIGNORELLI: Off the
10 record.

11 (Whereupon, an off-the-record
12 discussion was held.)

13 Q. There came a time when you got
14 in contact with a sergeant who worked for
15 the Narcotics Unit by the name of Bill
16 White?

17 MS. WILSON: Objection.

18 MR. SIGNORELLI: Go ahead and
19 answer if you can.

20 A. I received a call from Joe
21 Ponzi who had communications with Sergeant
22 White and did, in fact, hook me up with him
23 and he knew the whereabouts of Mr.
24 Hamilton.

25 Q. Okay, and did you contact

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2 anyone for authorization to go to
3 Connecticut?

4 MR. SIGMORELLI: Objection to
5 "authorization".

6 Go ahead.

7 A. I would have had to, yes.

8 Q. Okay, so do you recall who you
9 told you were going to Connecticut?

10 A. Well, it's protocol in the
11 Police Department you notify your zone
12 commander, your immediate supervisor, your
13 zone commander, and it's not a big deal.
14 You go. It's not a big deal at all and, of
15 course, the Brooklyn District's Attorney
16 Office, which I believe I contacted Ann
17 Guttman because she had the case and I
18 went.

19 Q. After Mr. Hamilton was arrested
20 in New Haven, did you have further contact
21 with Sergeant Bill White?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. When?

24 A. During the course of the
25 investigation.

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2 Q. Could you elaborate?

3 A. Yeah, I believe he assisted me
4 to try to speak to Mr. Douglas who was
5 incarcerated.

6 MR. EDELSTEIN: Meaning Taseem
7 Douglas?

8 THE WITNESS: Yes, yes.

9 MR. EDELSTEIN: Okay.

10 A. And I don't remember if he went
11 with me, but I think he knew a lady. I
12 don't know if she was a lawyer or what have
13 you, but he knew somebody at the facility
14 and he went there with me. I believe he
15 went there with me and I just never was
16 able to speak to Taseem.

17 Q. Well, why did you need Bill
18 White to go speak to Taseem Douglas?

19 MS. WILSON: Objection.

20 A. Well, why did I? It was, more
21 or less, a courtesy, he knew about the
22 case, and as I said, Sergeant White, I
23 believe, knew one of the people there.

24 Q. When you say "he knew one of
25 the people", which people?

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2 A. At this -- at this facility we
3 went to.

4 Q. When you went to go see Taseem
5 Douglas, you knew that he had an open
6 murder case in Connecticut, am I correct?

7 A. I don't remember that. I don't
8 remember the open murder case, but I knew
9 he was in. I knew he was in and I also
10 believed it was maybe a medical facility
11 also.

12 Q. Well, did you know at that
13 point in time whether he had an attorney?

14 A. I believe he did have an
15 attorney.

16 Q. Did you call the attorney and
17 say, "I want to talk to him"?

18 A. I believe I did speak to an
19 attorney and I was not able to speak to
20 him.

21 Q. Well, what I'm asking you is
22 you went all the way up to New Haven, am I
23 correct?

24 A. Mmmmmm, yes.

25 Q. You contacted Bill White, am I

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2 Q. Now was that the last contact
3 that you had with Bill White?

4 A. Physically I believe it was,
5 yes, yes.

6 Q. What about any other way? Was
7 that the last contact with Bill White?

8 A. I believe we did speak over the
9 phone after I was retired from the Police
10 Department.

11 Q. Okay, and what year was this?

12 A. I don't know. I can't be
13 specific, but it had to be either in the
14 1990s, early 2000s, in the early 2000s,
15 maybe 2001 or 2002.

16 Q. What was the purpose?

17 A. I at that time was working for
18 the Board of Education and he needed some
19 information about some schools in New York
20 City and I believe that was the last time I
21 spoke to him.

22 Q. He called you?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. He was looking for information
25 about?

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2 A. Schools.

3 Q. Schools?

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. As to who was going to the
6 schools?

7 A. I don't remember.

8 Q. Did you later learn that
9 Sergeant White was arrested and convicted
10 of Federal charges?

11 A. I did, sir.

12 Q. Okay, and when did you hear
13 that?

14 A. I don't remember the year, but
15 I remember opening up The New York Times
16 and I saw a -- I saw a picture and I
17 believe and I don't know if he was in court
18 or what have you, but I did. I did see
19 that in The New York Times.

20 Q. So would you say he was
21 involved with you to some extent during the
22 Hamilton investigation from March of 1991
23 all the way until July of 1992?

24 MR. SIGNORELLI: Objection.

25 MS. WILSON: Objection.